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1. I handed Mr. Darden the edited transcript of the DCI's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on the CIA building. The transcript had been edited for security and other details by [redacted] Col. White and myself, and Col. White secured the Director's authority for its release, including 3 charts. I also handed Mr. Darden a breakdown of the \$8,500,000 cost for the extension of the George Washington Parkway to the Langley site. Mr. Darden stated he did not think we owed the Committee any additional information on the subject of whether we would use the Public Buildings Service or not, as he felt that the record was clear on this point. Mr. Darden then stated that if we proposed to utilize either the Winkler or Langley property in Virginia it would not be necessary to authorize the full \$6,000,000 for the acquisition of land. I agreed that this was correct, and informed him that a figure of \$1,000,000 for land acquisition would be sufficient if the Committee determined that we must build outside of the District. 25X1A

2. I have handed to Sen. Knowland a copy of the Director's letter to Sen. Stennis reaffirming the Agency's need to build close in to the District and have an exception to Government dispersal standards. Sen. Knowland agreed that such exceptions had to be made and that in our case it was a proper one. I also left a copy of the Director's letter to Sen. Stennis with the office of the Majority Leader, Sen. Johnson, explaining why it was being left.

3. The House Committee on Post Office & Civil Service has reported out S. 67, the Federal employees' pay bill. In our opinion Section 8 of the bill is specific and valid authority for the DCI to make such pay increases as are authorized retroactive by his administrative action.

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